UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NAUTILUS INSURANCE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, Sr., CORY FLEMING, MOSS & KUHN, P.A., CHAD WESTENDORF, PALMETTO STATE BANK, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-1307-RMG

NAUTILUS' NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF DEFENDANT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In light of this Court's May 12, 2022 order [ECF 14], and with the consent of all parties, Nautilus Insurance Company hereby files this notice of voluntary dismissal of Defendant the United States of America *only*, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(i).¹

Respectfully submitted:

This 9th day of June, 2022 Charleston, South Carolina /s/ Jaan Rannik

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The majority of courts, with the exception of the Second and Sixth Circuits, have held that Rule 41(a) permits dismissal of a party defendant without dismissal of the entire action. There appears to be no binding authority on the question from the Fourth Circuit. Accordingly, if this is more properly brought as a motion under Rule 21, Nautilus asks that the Court treat it as such.